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Field Worker's name Jasper H. Mead

This report made on (date) November 19, 1937

1. Name G.N. Patton

2. Post Office Address Chickasha, Oklah ma.

3. Residence address (or location) 528 S. 15 St.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month February Day 15 Year 1880

5. Place of birth State of Missouri

6. Name of Father W.J. Patton Place of birth Ohio

Other information about father Died at the age of 77

7. Name of Mother Lyda Owens Place of birth Kentucky

Other information about mother Died at the age of 56

Notes or complete narrative by the field worker dealing with the life and story of the person interviewed. Refer to Manual for suggested subjects and questions. Continue on blank sheets if necessary and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached \_\_\_\_\_.

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Jasper H. Mead,  
Investigator,  
November 19, 1937.

An Interview with Mr. G.N. Patton,  
Chickasha, Oklahoma.

My name is G. N. Patton. I was born February 15, 1880, in the state of Missouri.

I came to Oklahoma in 1900, and the first place I landed was at Chickasha. There was no house there so we put up a tent, and later built a frame house and this place has been my home for the last thirty-seven years.

When I first landed at Chickasha it was just a very small place; there were one or two small brick buildings and the rest were wooden buildings.

I have crossed Main Street several times in a boat.

We had wooden sidewalks which were about three or four feet wide; a wooden building used to be on the corner of Third and Chickasha Avenues where the old bank corner is now; cowboys used to tie their horses down underneath this building.

Chickasha was called a big cow town. Most everybody wore big hats, boots, spurs and pistols.

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The Rock Island Railroad came through here running north and south from Kansas City to Fort Worth. The Frisco Railroad was surveyed just a little while before 1907 so as to keep the settlers from claiming indemnity against the company for coming across their claims. The water supply came from dug wells and the Washita River. The old town well used to be close to the place where the R. K. Wooten Oil Mill is now.

There was a big trough there and everybody coming through would water his stock there.

There was plenty of wild game around Chickasha such as deer, antelope, turkey and prairie chickens; I have seen fifteen deer in one herd in the Keeche Hills southwest of Chickasha about fifteen miles. One time I killed seven out of one herd; I have also seen plenty of what they called wild horses.

Camp Fred was about a mile southeast of the viaduct that crosses the Rock Island tracks; this shows how close the old Chisholm Trail came to Chickasha.

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There was a small wooden building used for a Catholic Church on same corner where the Catholic Church stands today.

There was also a wooden building in about the fifth or sixth hundred block on South Third Street that was used for a school and church house; for a school house during the week and for church services on Sunday.

I am a carpenter by trade and have helped to build Chickasha to its present size.